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BOB MARSHALL CLUB ADK TRAIL WORK

One of the most scenic areas in New York State is located in the high peaks area of the Adirondacks. A little over a month ago, members of the Bob Marshall Club under the direction of Dr. Ketchledge, went up to the Mt. Colden area to install a series of twenty-four waterbars on a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile section of the trail.

What might have turned into a dull routine of trail maintenance, was changed by the appearance of animals and snow on the mountain.

The two nights that we stayed in 30 degree weather, we had a nosy bear, a marauding skunk and even a couple of ambitious mice visit us during the night. Not too much damage occurred, except that two campers had their backpacks scattered to the four winds by Mr. Nosy.

Five groups, totaling twenty-six students, installed the waterbars in a record time of four hours flat! Dr. Ketchledge, a member 46-er and a professor of this institute, was pleased with the erection of the trail erosion preventative, even though it was a rather dirty job!?

By the time the first tree was cut, trimmed and placed across the trail in order to divert the water to a direction off it,

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ESF B'BALL INTRAMURALS

Starting January 14th, basketball intramurals will start up again. Unless something new comes up about the \$5 gym locker fee, everyone will have to go to the bursar's office at Skytop and pay the fee. If the Bunkerettes or the Coop 5 Turkeys are on your schedule, you win because they have dropped out of the league. New referees for next semester include John Geer and Dave Morgan. If you would like to keep score or ref (you will be paid) contact me. Games will start promptly at 5:30 and 6:15 as usual.

The new schedule is as follows:

	5:30	6:15		5:30	6:15
	Game 1	Game 2		Game 1	Game 2
Jan 14	11-17	2-9	Feb 4	17-19	6-3
15	8-1	13-16	5	7-2	15-13
17	7-3	18-15	7	19-14	8-2
18	14-11	19-13	8	4-9	18-13
Jan 21	1-4	2-6	Feb 11	16-11	6-8
22	16-19	8-9	12	19-18	3-5
23	17-13	7-4	14	9-7	---
24	18-16	1-5	15	---	---
25	11-15	3-9	18	Play offs	
Jan 28	8-4	14-17	Feb 19	Play offs	
29	18-11	6-9	20	Play offs	
30	2-5	17-15	21	Championship	
31	7-1	8-3	22	Championship	
Feb 1	18-14	5-9			

Questions should be directed to:

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NOTICE:

SCOUTS

WANT

HELP

Boy Scout Troop 109 is looking for an ambitious Assistant Scoutmaster who is available Tuesday nights. If you have an interest in working with 15 younger boys, and have had scouting experience, preferably at the adult level, contact Scoutmaster Scott D. Shupe, Room 341 Illick, x 8660.

CAMPUS AESTHETICS

This year, our campus has seemed to have taken more abuse than in the last several years. The quad is being trampled on; not by people who love to commune with nature and walk on grass but by lazy students, eager to take short-cuts wherever possible. Surely they must realize the harm they're inflicting on the area and the muddy trail they're making from corner to corner. Yet it persists.

The construction work done on campus this fall has also had its effect on the area. Trees and bushes were dug up and may quickly die and sidewalks were torn apart and crudely fixed with blacktop.

This past week, two acts of vandalism occurred in front of Bray. The tops of two spruce trees were broken off, presumably to be used as Christmas trees. They are celebrating the upcoming holiday of peace with acts of vandalism and disregard for others. These trees should be replaced in hope that people will have more respect for others and nature in the future.

Tom Zelker

RECYCLE THIS KNOTHOLE

The Knothole is the student publication of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Published every Thursday. Any articles, notices, stories, letters, etc. to be published must be submitted in the Knothole mailbox in the basement of Marshall Hall before noon on Saturday, signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Anyone wishing to join the Knothole staff should contact one of our members. Staff meetings are Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Library Conference Room.

Editor-in-chief: Mary Butler
News Editor: Roland Vosgurgh
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COMMON SENSE!

Dear fellow students:

Last spring, the Outer Fringe, SU's environmental group, planted several dozen trees near Dellplain. This effort was planned and, after a lot of effort, carried out by students.

Now, as Christmas approaches, there have been some cynics who have suggested that we should put a 24-hour guard around these trees to prevent their destruction...that students will cut them down to use as Christmas trees in their halls or houses.

WE DON'T BELIEVE IT!

Somehow it just seems to us that students won't destroy what students have worked so hard to create. Especially when you can get trees at Kappa Phi Delta, on Walnut Place, (3-2470 or 478-5302) at prices that are really cheap.

This campus needs a great deal of work on its environment. And Outer Fringe is striving to bring about as much of that improvement as possible. But, if we're going to do it, we need your cooperation.

Cutting down a tree is a misdemeanor, according to state law. It's punishable by anywhere from 15 days to a year. Worse, much worse, however is the impact such an action will have on this campus. It will make cynics of so many people that we won't be able to get the support and cooperation of those people who are already semi-cynical...and that means no more trees...or tulips...or anything else.

So please, order your trees from Kappa Phi Delta.

And have a merry Christmas!

The Outer Fringe

A TRADITIONAL USE FOR WOOD

A decoy carving exhibit is in the glass display case near the circulation desk of Moon Library. The collection is the combined effort of Dr. Howard Miller and Ron Prodelius. It will be on display until January 15 or perhaps longer.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

In your December 6th issue Ray Miller wrote an article concerning "student-style" newspapers. He accused this literature of being self-righteous, narrow-minded, and an obstacle to "a broadening of one's perception of their environment." He apparently bases this opinion of other campus periodicals on a review of the movie, "Airport." Mr. Miller was obviously impressed by this film and was indignant to find the "Syracuse New Times'" review to be unfavorable. I suppose there must be other reasons why Ray Miller has such a low opinion of papers such as the "New Times," but he fails to state them. In fact, I can't help but wonder how a person could be as narrow-minded as he has shown himself to be.

I would certainly like to hear more from Mr. Miller. Perhaps he could reveal to us the origin of his antipathy for other campus periodicals. I noticed in his article that this has been bothering him for three years. Certainly, he must know more than I who has never been bothered by it at all (until now, of course).

Charles Dunn

To the Editor:

For those of us who study late at night, Marshall Hall gets awful quiet. With so few souls walking around, it also seems terribly vacant, particularly in the basement. Also, as one who gets hungry enough at night to raid the vending machines, I have had occasion to be the only one in the snack bar. Here, something is lacking. The black pipes leave much to be desired. What I have in mind is a little color--like some paintings. But not necessarily old men! Something though to remind us that we are not really so far underground, that there are trees and life outside.

I would like to know what other people think. Is such a thing feasible here?

Michael Knudson

To the Editor:

Whoever wrote the "Name withheld" letter attacking Free Speak in the December 6th issue of the Knothole should be thoroughly ashamed of himself. I am referring to both his method of expressing himself and to his cowardly refusal to have his name printed alongside his opinions. Free Speak does have the right to know who is criticizing it.

Admittedly Free Speak is not even half of what it believes itself to be but whatever its shortcomings it little deserves the attack it received in that letter. The author (whoever he is) has produced a masterpiece of malice and innuendo. His immoderate emotionality is well-illustrated by the fact that two of the six paragraphs of his letter (including the largest one) contain attacks on faulty word usage appearing in Free Speak articles and letters. When someone is reduced to attacking the grammatical constructions of his adversaries instead of discussing more important issues he reveals his own emotional bias and his own intellectual bankruptcy. Characteristically the rest of his letter is a series of snide remarks that reveal little intelligence in the author and contribute nothing to the discussion of issues which concern our campus and its newspapers.

I also criticize the editor of the Knothole for allowing such stuff a) to be printed at all or b) if it must be printed, for printing it anonymously. I further maintain that if that letter can appear in the Knothole there is no reason not to publish this one--which only copies the malice of its predecessor.

I myself claim no journalistic or moral superiority over our anonymous letter-writing friend. The only difference between us is that I am not a lousy chicken--I will have my name printed with my thoughts.

Stefan P. Cover

Editorial Policy:

The Knothole appreciates any articles, short stories, poems, letters, etc. which anyone might be inclined to submit. However, all such literature must be signed. Name will be withheld on request of author.

◇ REMARKS ON WET FEET ◇ ,, , ,

There is one thing that I don't enjoy very much, and that is wet feet. I've tried modern technology's solution; silicon based water repellents on my boots, but it is to be considered inadequate. I've heard that bacon grease works well if it's not licked off by a dog while you're reading the D.O.! Dr. W.W. Hall of New York City writes in the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the Year 1862 of another method. The following advice is from his article entitled "Health of Farmer's Families."

"A piece of tarred or pitch cloth sewed between the layers of the shoe-sole is a great protection against dampness from without; or take pitch, not hot enough to burn the leather, and apply it to the bottom and edges of the sole with a rag, let it dry thoroughly, and repeat the application thus three or four times; it is contended that a sole thus treated will not only be impervious to water and dampness, but will wear nearly twice as long as a sole not thus treated. It is an excellent plan to have two pairs of shoes, to be worn on alternate days, so as to have a perfectly dry pair to put on every morning, allowing the unworn ones to remain in a warm, dry place."

Roland R. Vosburgh

COYOTE STUDY HERE

Coyotes and wild canids have been reported with increasing frequency in Onondaga County. Presently, a study is being carried out at the College of ES&F on the abundance and distribution of these animals. We are very interested in getting in touch with people who have seen or know where these coyotes are in Onondaga County. Please contact Dr Robert Chambers, 473-8845 or 473-8841, Zoology Dept. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

Rumor has reported that Kross-Kampus-Kid-dies topped the two trees on the ESF campus. They "needed" a couple Christmas trees. However, they will get theirs.

TREES

I hope that I shall never see
Another quiz about a tree.

A tree whose leaves may be serrate
Or then again may be dentate.

A tree whose leaves may be compound
Unless just simple leaves are found.

A tree whose buds can't be mistaken
Until the day a test is taken.

A tree whose latin name can mean
A nut, capsule, legume, or bean.

Tests are flunked by fools like me
To whom a bush looks like a tree.

-- J. Kilmer '52
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TRAIL WORK...

everyone looked like a child who had been making mud pies all day. Even though we were wet and cold at the end of the day, we had a nice wood fire and a memory of an experience that we'll never forget to keep us warm for the night...

Bob Odebralski

THEY WANT DDT

Public support for the use of the banned pesticide DDT is gaining support in LaGrande, Ore. as hundreds of square miles of forest are falling to the tussock moth.

In LaGrande, where people were once against pesticides like DDT, the tussock moth has become a bread and butter issue. John McGhehey, a state regional forester said, "Now they don't care what it takes. They want this thing stopped."

The infestation, which turns woodlands rusty brown, is in its second year and now covers about 600,000 acres in northeast Oregon and southeast Washington. A year ago, 200,000 acres were infested.

The federal EPA has turned down an emergency request to use DDT. The U.S. Forest Service is seeking a substitute; however, if a substitute is not found, the service may renew its request.



POETRY CORNER

Al I'm a rabble rouser
But I ain't never roused a single crummy
rabble
Nobody will listen to me
It's because a my caste in this society
I ain't no doctor
I'm a student
There's a bounty on the hides of them like
me
It's nailed to the bark of a hackberry tree
It says wanted
Dead or alive
Preferably dead
Shoot 'im in his bed
And bring us his head on his diploma
That means "two feathers"
And if I had my drethers
I'd send mine back
In a gunny sack
And ask for a refund
But it cost 4 years a livin'
Scroungin'
Searchin' for a free minute
Wonderin' how ya got in it
And wonderin' how ta get out

Hell it ain't no secret
Just say goodbye
Hitch a ride
Take a turn
And don't return
Nobody'll miss ya
Nobody'll give a shit
If you should quit
Nobody'll want t' know
What made ya go
They'll pass ya off
Say ya couldn't make it
Tried to fake it
And just got caught
That's all
Why bother
Just ask his father
He knows we're a fine school
#2
Ya hoo
The others must really be hurtin'

The kid on my right
And the guy on my left
Are feelin' low cuz they failed a test
Well son of a gun
It was a crappy one
But it was just a test
I did my best
And I flunked it too
And so did the rest
But nobody wants t' admit it

I went over to the library
Lookin' for a journal of biology
They said who me?
This is forestry
I'm sorry but you're mistaken
Think I've been taken
Forsaken
Left alone
Picked to the bone

I crawled into a constant temp. room
To rest and heal my bleedin' wound
But the dials started spinnin' up and down
First it snowed
Then it steamed
Had me believin' I was in a dream
There was bells ringin'
Sparks zingin'
Sirens ringin'
I barely escaped with my life
They said a bad microswitch caused the rain
And thousand to one it'll happen again
So be careful
I said I've had enough
A this crazy stuff
I've had my eyes ground
And my mind bound
Had my boots worn outa leather
I ain't stickin' around no more
Just to earn another feather
A triploma
Ooooweeee
2 more years
My brain won't take it
I'd never make it

The forest trees ain't about to change
So the college figgers why should we
It's a mystery
To you and me
And looks like it always will be

I was readin' in the college newspaper
Somethin' about holes in knots and things
What's the matter with me
Am I a cynic
Why doesn't somebody answer me

Hey doctors!
Do you think I'm dead?
Do you think I gotta hole inside my head?
Then tell me so!!
I can take it
I took it four years
I'll listen

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CALENDAR

The ES&F Calendar of Events is a service of The Knothole intended to list all faculty and College related events for the week in one place. If your organization is having a meeting, speaker, movies, special event or whatever that you want publicized, contact the Knothole by student mail.

Monday, December 17

2-4 pm, The faculty and professional staff of the College of ES&F will host a "Coffee and Cookies" Party in Nifkin Lounge for students and staff.

WHAT IS AN AUTHORITY?

Occasionally I see the word "Authority" used in the Knothole. It refers to someone who may be presumed to know a great deal about his own specialty. In our organic chemistry class, Dr. Louis E. Wise, one of the few great men I've ever known and for many years head of the College's Department of Forest Chemistry, said that the word authority should never be used by scientists. It is completely alien to science and the scientific method. The implication is that an "authority" should not be challenged. His data and conclusions should be accepted just for the reason that he is an authority! I've often wondered at what point in one's professional career he arrives at this exalted state. It's quite often after he's published a large number of research papers or especially when he's written a book. Publishers just "love" that authority bit. They think it sells books!

The "American College Dictionary" states authority "1. the right to determine, adjudicate, or otherwise settle issues or disputes; the right to control, command, or determine." Just so, this is the pristine meaning and obviously, it has no place at all in science. "4. a standard author or his writing." What pray tell does "standard" mean. Isn't it purely a matter of opinion? And so, just be careful how you use that word authority in referring to men and women of science.

William M. Harlow '25

